



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tomohiro SHINODA

Application No.: 10/733,310

Filed: December 12, 2003

For: **GAMING MACHINE OPERATIVE
FOR READING CHARACTER
DATA FROM TRADING CARDS
(as amended)**

Attorney Docket No.: LIL-0002

Examiner: M. K. Dhillon

Art Unit: 3714

Confirmation No.: 9083

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated December 14, 2007, the period for response being extended to May 14, 2008, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 3, 5 -7 and 9-18 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 9 and 11 are amended.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the drawings)